

§ 36. Withdrawing the Motion

Withdrawal of Senate Motion to Reconsider

§ 36.1 In the Senate, a motion to reconsider was withdrawn, by unanimous consent, some seven months after having been entered.

On Nov. 18, 1963,⁽¹¹⁾ with Senator Gaylord A. Nelson, of Wisconsin, presiding, the following took place on the Senate floor:

MR. [MIKE] MANSFIELD [of Montana]: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion which I made on April 26 to reconsider H.R. 2837, a bill to amend further section 11 of the Federal Register Act.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

H.R. 2837 will be transmitted to the House of Representatives.

§ 37. Requirement for a Quorum

Effect of Point of Order of no Quorum

§ 37.1 When a point of order that a quorum was not

11. 109 CONG. REC. 22063, 88th Cong. 1st Sess.

present was raised against the offering of a motion to reconsider the vote by which a bill was adopted, the proponent of the motion indicated a willingness to enter, rather than make, the motion; the point of order was withdrawn, and the motion was entered.

On Apr. 22, 1943,⁽¹²⁾ Mr. Eugene Worley, of Texas, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House had on the previous day rejected H.R. 1860, a bill to provide overtime compensation for government employees. Objection was made on the ground that a quorum was not present, but was withdrawn after Mr. Worley asked for unanimous consent to enter, rather than to make, his motion:

MR. WORLEY: Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the action by which H.R. 1860 was on yesterday rejected.

MR. [ALBERT A.] GORE [of Tennessee]: Mr. Speaker, I make the point of order a quorum is not present.

MR. WORLEY: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter the motion.

MR. GORE: Mr. Speaker, then I withdraw the point of order.

THE SPEAKER:⁽¹³⁾ Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Worley]?

12. 89 CONG. REC. 3729, 78th Cong. 1st Sess.

13. Sam Rayburn (Tex.).